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The three officers were paid subsistence allowance while they were under suspension. The remaining six officers are being allowed subsistence allowance according to the rules.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : How is it that the Department—or whoever is conducting the enquiry—is not able to find out the truth and thus keeps them under suspension for such a long duration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree that there is delay in this matter. That is why I have instructed that a Special Officer should be appointed for this purpose so that these cases may be disposed of. I am also fixing a time-limit within which any case of disciplinary action should be disposed of.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it an enquiry by the Education Department or by the 'X' Branch?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In some cases 'X' Branch is also in the picture.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the nature of the charges framed against these officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I do not have the details here.

Allotment of quota of Pig Iron.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual quota of pig iron allotted to this State;

(*b*) the quantity allotted to private foundries in the Madras City and in the districts;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the quantity allotted to the foundries is inadequate; and

(*d*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure adequate supply to the foundries?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No fixed annual quota of pig iron is allotted to the States. Every quarter, the available quantity of pig iron is being allocated on a pro-rata basis. The following allotments were made to this State in 1957 :—

		TONS.
1st quarter, 1957	.. ..	375
2nd quarter, 1957	.. ..	5·5
3rd quarter, 1957	.. ..	217
4th quarter, 1957	.. ..	217
Total	..	814.5

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(b) Particulars of the allotment are as follows :—

Period.		Quantity allotted to foundries in the City.	Quantity allotted to foundries in the districts.
(1)		(2)	(3)
		TONS.	TONS.
1st quarter, 1957	..	152	223
2nd quarter, 1957	..	1	4·5
3rd quarter, 1957	..	81·5	135·5
4th quarter, 1957	..	80	137
Total	..	314·5	500

(c) Yes.

(d) It was pointed out to the Government of India that the allotment of pig iron to this State was absolutely inadequate and they were requested to allot at least 1,500 tons per quarter to this State. The Government of India stated that the supply position of pig iron was very acute as this country produced hardly 50 per cent of its needs and that import was not also possible. They have, however, promised to bear in mind the case of this State for a suitable increase in the next year when there would be some improvement in the supply position. The position will be watched and the Government of India approached at the appropriate time.

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : Are these officers guilty of serious offences like . . .

Mr. CHAIRMAN : That relates to the previous question.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : As I believe that it is the duty of the State to ensure adequate supply of raw materials to industrial concerns, will the Hon. Minister indicate to us the steps taken to provide needed raw materials to private enterprise on a planned basis?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government of India have appreciated the position and the Minister in his letter has stated that he will bear the Madras case in mind for a suitable increase in quota next year.

Dr. V. K. JOHN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that pig iron is exported in very large quantities to Japan and other places?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : No, not at all.

Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme.

* 7 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the names of the villages that will be submerged by the Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme and the extent, number of houses and population involved and the steps taken to rehabilitate them?